

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle G of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL ATOMIC VETERANS**

2 **DAY.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the Sense of Con-
4 gress that—

5 (1) the United States should annually observe
6 Atomic Veterans Day to recognize American military
7 service members who participated in nuclear tests
8 between 1945 and 1962, served with United States
9 military forces in or around Hiroshima and Naga-
10 saki through mid-1946, or were held as prisoners of
11 war in or near Hiroshima or Nagasaki;

12 (2) the people of the United States should rec-
13 ognize and remember the contributions of America’s
14 Atomic Veterans for their sacrifice and dedication to
15 our Nation’s security, and recommit themselves to
16 supporting our Atomic Veterans and educating
17 themselves on the role these patriots played in our
18 national story; and

1 (3) President Reagan and President Biden took
2 important steps to recognize Atomic Veterans by
3 proclaiming July 16, 1983, and July 16, 2021, re-
4 spectively, as National Atomic Veterans Day, reflec-
5 tive of the fact that July 16 is the anniversary of
6 Trinity, the world’s first detonation of a nuclear de-
7 vice in Alamogordo, New Mexico on July 16, 1945.

8 (b) NATIONAL ATOMIC VETERANS DAY.—Chapter 1
9 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by adding at
10 the end the following new section:

11 **“§ 146. National Atomic Veterans Day**

12 “The President shall issue each year a proclamation
13 calling on the people of the United States to—

14 “(1) observe such Atomic Veterans Day with
15 appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

16 “(2) remember and honor our Nation’s Atomic
17 Veterans whose brave service and sacrifice played an
18 important role in the defense of our Nation.”.

19 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
20 ter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by add-
21 ing at the end the following new item:

“146. National Atomic Veterans Day.”.

